

By November of 1942, he became an Aviation Cadet. He went on to take additional training as an electronic specialist, became a commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and then a Flight Instructor in the Army Air Force. He was also elected to the Honor Committee and graduated in the top 10 percent of his class. While on a 10-day leave, he met and fell in love with Doris Louise McCauley, whom he married on December 3, 1943. Three years later, Evertt was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant.

Upon returning home to Mt. Vernon with Doris, they raised their three children: Ruth Ann Clark-Wheeler, Rebecca Louise Hill, and Dennis Dale Atkinson. In 1948, Evertt acquired his high school diploma and worked on his wife's family's dairy farm until 1965. He then worked for Sturdi-Built as a salesman for the next 28 years.

Those who know Evertt are familiar with his outgoing, positive approach to life and loss. He continues to volunteer for numerous charitable causes in his community. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Evertt Atkinson on his 99th birthday. On behalf of Southern Illinois, happy birthday.

RECOGNIZING DR. EDWARD
TRYAKIAN'S DONATION TO
YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Edward Tiryakian, Duke University Professor Emeritus of Sociology, for the creation of a library wing in his honor at Yerevan State University in Yerevan, Armenia. Dr. Tiryakian donated his professional library to the university and was recognized in an official dedication ceremony on May 24, 2021.

Dr. Tiryakian is a renowned scholar, widely published in sociological theory, sociology of religion, and sociology of development. As a leading sociologist for 65 years, Dr. Tiryakian has amassed a large collection of important works in the field, ranging from 19th century texts written by founding sociologists to mid-20th century works written by prominent sociologists he has studied under. Over two years ago, Dr. Tiryakian approached Yerevan State University about donating his professional library to the university. The university enthusiastically agreed and constructed a dedicated wing in their main library to house the collection.

This generous gift included over 300 published books, many of which are rarities in the field and are no longer in print. Dr. Tiryakian cited his desire to honor his Armenian heritage as a source of inspiration for the generous donation. The University held an official commemoration this month for the library wing that will hold Dr. Tiryakian's beloved books.

Dr. Tiryakian's donation is the latest demonstration of his dedication to students and study of sociology as well as his leadership in the field. He joined Duke University as a professor in 1965, and he and I became friends and colleagues when I joined the faculty a decade later. At Duke, he has served as the Sociology Department Chair as well as Direc-

tor of International Studies and was instrumental in internationalizing the university. He also has held national leadership positions as President of the American Society for the Study of Religion and Chair of the American Sociological Association History of Sociology Section. Dr. Tiryakian received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in Sociology from Harvard University. He taught at both institutions before joining the faculty at Duke.

Throughout his career, Dr. Tiryakian has remained steadfast not only in his own pursuit of knowledge, but in his dedication to supporting the next generation of scholars at home and abroad. His generous donation opens the door for the university's students to learn from great scholars in the field of sociology, including Dr. Tiryakian himself.

Madam Speaker, it has been a pleasure to know and work alongside Dr. Tiryakian during his extraordinary career. We have had many conversations about Armenian history and politics over the years, but I had never visited the country until 2019, when, as chairman of the House Democracy Partnership, we engaged the Armenian parliament in the wake of the country's Velvet Revolution. I thought of Ed Tiryakian often during that visit. It is especially satisfying to see him close the circle personally and professionally with this gift to Yerevan State University, knowing that it will benefit Armenian students and enrich Armenian-American ties for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEBBY
CUNNINGHAM

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Debby Cunningham as she becomes the newest Executive Director of Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce. As a native of Greencastle, Debby is returning to the community to lead the Chamber of Commerce, support small businesses, and help revitalize our local economy.

A graduate of the Hagerstown Business College, Debby served as the business manager at the University of Maryland Extension. In this role, she managed the fiscal and human relations processes that kept the institution running smoothly across Maryland, while also supporting community relations.

Debby Cunningham's experience and passion for public service will be incredible assets as she leads the Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce. It is my honor to congratulate Debby on this new role, and I look forward to our continued work together to serve the people of Franklin County.

HONORING THE MINISTRY AND
COMMUNITY IMPACT OF MR.
LARRY YONKER AT SPRINGS
RESCUE MISSION

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to honor the ministry and community impact of Mr. Larry Yonker at Springs Rescue Mission in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Springs Rescue Mission has become a pillar of the Pike's Peak region, not only by caring for the homeless but as a model of local business, government, and faith-based collaboration, for the good of the community.

It was only one decade ago that Springs Rescue Mission was working to create its first shelter. The focus of its humble campus was still on feeding the homeless, men's addiction recovery, and some limited daytime services. Under Mr. Yonker's leadership, the Mission has become an expansive homeless resource campus—a Community of Hope for the most vulnerable men and women of Colorado Springs. With 450 beds, the Mission is now the largest homeless shelter in the region. The Resource Center offers case management and other essential services to help those in need to regain their health, return to work, and find permanent housing. Every day, hundreds of neighbors in need come to the Mission for a filling meal, a hot shower, a warm bed, and compassionate care. Just next door, 65 chronically homeless people have found a home at Greenway Flats. And in the middle of it all, a new 200-seat Samaritan's Kitchen, recently opened their doors to our community.

As a Colorado native and graduate of the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo, Larry is motivated by a deep faith in God and compassionate love for his neighbors. Larry's drive and focus is derived from Matthew 25:34-40, and has been the inspiration for Larry's tenure at Springs Rescue Mission,

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

Over the years, Mr. Yonker has been committed to bringing community partners both in the private and public sectors together, with a mission to provide lifesaving and life-building care for those most in need. He has been a champion for those trapped in homelessness, addiction, and poverty and for collaboration and partnership across every walk of life to ensure people receive the care they need.

As Larry retires, it is my highest privilege to honor and thank him for being a "faithful servant" to Colorado's Fifth Congressional District.